

Exchange of
Letters between
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OF AUSTRALIA

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ADDRESSED TO THE GENERAL SECRETARY

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Take kangaroo skins; one of the leading woolbrokers in Australia told me personally that the price was controlled by one man in Sydney Ex U.S.A., who put the price up or down according to whether there were too many kangarooers at work.

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Wyndham meat works. No one in Wyndham can get work in the meat works, all employment there is under the patronage of the Secretary, A.W.U. Perth office. I pointed this out to an East Kimberly Stock Inspector, his reply was "Quite right, the men recruited in Perth go up to Wyndham from a temperate climate and can work harder than the local men." Yet our Party pays lip service to peopling the Far North.

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Let the Country Party and Liberal Party urge Premier McLarty to promptly amend the Constitution of the Upper House so that when Assembly ~~act~~ has, after say two or even three General Elections passed an enactment, the Council should be deprived of the power of veto and thus demonstrate "Acta non verba". As an instance in point, the State Insurance Bill. Surely if the Improvident are allowed a State Lottery Bill, the Provident as they manifestly desire, should be allowed a State Insurance Bill.

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Why tolerate such meddlesome, petty fogging legislation as the suppression of gifts in return for tinned milk and soap labels, whilst there are so many important matters needing reform. After all the Gift System is only an obscure form of time payment and if a needy housewife can obtain a kitchen dresser on time payment, why not a tea towel or a tea pot.

Finally isn't it fully time for us to muster our courage and fight Sectarianism. The R.C. Church has sub rosa packed our Parliaments, Civil Service and Education Department with its adherents, although numerically they are less than one to three, yet we are frightened to say so.

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Only that the Just would perish with the Unjust I could wish that Chifley, like Blind Samson, might pull the National Structure down upon his own head and those of his fellow traitors.

If you have followed me this far I feel that I have had ten bob's worth of your time and patience.

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